

# Senior Achievement Application

## Nebraska 4-H Achievement Application for Awards and Recognition

Two versions of the application are available – Junior (ages 8-14) for county awards, and Senior (ages 15-18) for the selection of county, state and national awards including the selection of delegates to National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference and selection of recipients of Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarships.

Application info and links may be found on our website: <https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/stanton/award-applications/>

### Completing the application

- **To apply for County Awards:** Application may be emailed to: [Stanton-county@unl.edu](mailto:Stanton-county@unl.edu) or paper copy submitted to: Stanton County Extension, 302 6<sup>th</sup> St., Stanton, NE 68779.
- Limit responses in the “My Experiences” section to a maximum of 3 pages – Junior or 4 pages - Senior, single-spaced, 12-point font.
- In the selection process, significant accomplishments in your **4-H experience, leadership, community involvement and career spark** are given more consideration than the number of 4-H projects completed.

### County Level Awards

#### Age divisions for awards:

Junior – 8-10

Intermediate – 11-13

Senior – 14-18

#### Awards will be selected for the following categories:

- Agriculture
- STEM
- Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- Healthy Living
- College and Career Preparation for My Future

Winner in each category will receive \$50. 4-H'er may win each category once per age division.

Application has to be worthy to win in order to be selected. It will be the judge's prerogative to determine if an application is worthy or not.

**Please submit the following items via email (or paper copy) to Stanton County by November 12.**

**Senior Applicants (ages 15-19) need to mark if they are applying for State and/or National Awards in addition to a County Award. Designate BOTH Awards applying for and the Program Area in which you are applying. If applying for State and National Awards be sure to read and submit all additional information.**



## NEBRASKA 4-H SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT APPLICATION

This application is for all 4-H participants ages 15-18. It is used for the selection of county and state awards including the selection of delegates to the National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Conference and the selection of recipients of Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarships. For more information about Nebraska 4-H Achievement Applications or for additional rules and guidelines, please visit: <https://4h.unl.edu/achievement-application>.

### DELEGATE APPLICANTS

To serve as a delegate for either National trip, youth must be 15-19 years of age during the calendar year in which the trip occurs. If you are interested in being considered as a delegate for these national experiences, you must make that designation on your application as well as complete the additional section titled "Representing Nebraska 4-H." For more information about these National opportunities, please visit:

- National 4-H Congress: <https://4h.unl.edu/congress>
- National 4-H Conference: <https://4h.unl.edu/conference>

Generally, delegate applicants should:

- Be age 15-19 during the calendar year in which the trip occurs to be considered.
- Not have been a delegate to the program in which they are applying
- Be able to miss one full week of school and/or work to attend the program
- Be a participant in the Nebraska 4-H program in any delivery mode
- Be dependable and punctual

Notes for delegate applicants only:

- A fifth page is allowed for delegate applicants.
- As you complete the application, remember that while participation in 4-H programs, leadership and community are important, the information you can share when you return from the leadership experiences is equally important.
- Chosen delegates may be required to travel to an airport that is not the closest to them due to chaperone location and cost restrictions.

### SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

Youth interested in applying for state-level scholarships must make that designation on their application, as well as complete the additional section titled "Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships." Additional materials are required for youth applying for scholarships. These materials must be submitted digitally along with the completed Achievement Application. For more information about Nebraska 4-H Foundation scholarships, please visit: <http://ne4hfoundation.org/recognition>.

Note for scholarship applicants only:

- Only the application review committee will have access to transcripts and test scores.



## COMPLETING THE APPLICATION

- Applications must be completed and submitted electronically.
- Limit responses in the “My Experiences” section to a maximum of four (4) pages, single-spaced, 12-point font. A fifth page is allowed for delegate applicants.
- In the selection process, significant accomplishments in your **4-H experience, leadership, community involvement, and career spark** are given more consideration than the number of 4-H projects completed.
- Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story.

A complete application includes:

1. Designation of Awards and Program Areas of Submission
2. About Me page
3. My Experience answers (4 pages max)
4. DELEGATE APPLICANTS ONLY: Representing Nebraska 4-H answers (1 page max)
5. SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS ONLY: Nebraska 4-H Foundation Scholarships page
  - a. Copy of current transcripts
  - b. ACT/SAT scores

## SUBMITTING THE APPLICATION

Please submit completed applications via email to your county Extension office by the county’s designated deadline. County email address are available at:

<https://go.unl.edu/countyemail>.

Following your county review, you may make revisions if needed.

All state-level applications must be submitted via email to [4HAchieves@unl.edu](mailto:4HAchieves@unl.edu) by January 15. Files should be labeled with the applicants last name, first name, and county. For example: “Walker Robin Douglas-Sarpy”



Please check the opportunities for which you are applying. You may check more than one:

	County Award – <i>Designate program area below</i>
	State Level Awards and Scholarships
	National 4-H Conference
	National 4-H Congress - <i>Identify the program area of submission below:</i>
<b>Please select below the area in which you are applying for an award.</b>	
	Agriculture
	STEM
	Leadership and Entrepreneurship
	Healthy Living
	College and Career Preparation for My Future

### ABOUT ME

Name: (First Middle Last)	
Present Address:	
City:	
State:	
Zip:	
County (enrolled in 4-H):	
Home Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email Address:	
Date of Birth: (MM/DD/YEAR)	
Current Age:	

### CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

***By inserting initials below, I certify that the information in this application is accurate and complete.***

Applicant's Signature (typed initials):

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Date:

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Parent/Guardian's Signature (typed initials):

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:



Answer the following items within a maximum of 4 pages. Please use headings (**4-H Experiences, Leadership Experiences, Community Involvement/Service Learning Experiences, and Career Spark**) to separate your responses. Creativity is encouraged, use bullet lists, photos, infographics, etc. to help tell your 4-H story. The items bulleted are suggestions of what might help us understand your involvement and learning.

## **4-H EXPERIENCES**

### *Part 1*

Describe your collective 4-H experience.

- Indicate the depth and breadth of your 4-H experience.
- Identify the number of years in the program.
- Identify program experiences in which you engaged.
- What skills have you learned as a result of being a part of the 4-H program?
- What have you learned about yourself as a result of being a part of 4-H?

### *Part 2*

Describe your 4-H experience within the last 4-H year.

- What was your level of involvement?
- Identify 3 program experiences that you would consider a “highlight” of your year.
  - Describe these experiences. What did you do? What was involved? Who was a part of this experience? Why did you want to participate? What was accomplished through this experience? What was your favorite part of the experience? What did you learn?
- How will this past year influence your future (i.e., 4-H experience, classroom experience, career, etc.)?

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES**

### *Part 1: 4-H Leadership Experiences*

Describe your 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.

- What type of leadership was it?
  - For example: Roles (Club President), Activities (4-H Lend a Hand Day), Experiences (Being a Junior Ambassador for my county).
- When did these experiences occur?
- Identify your part in the experiences:
  - Duties you completed
  - Responsibilities you fulfilled
  - Skills you utilized
- What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

### *Part 2: Non 4-H Leadership Experiences*

Describe your Non 4-H leadership experiences that have helped build your leadership skills.



- What type of leadership was it?
  - For example: Roles (Youth Choir Jr. Director), Activities (Warrior Football Camp), and Experiences (Student Council Member).
- When did these experiences occur?
- Identify your part in the experiences:
  - Duties you completed
  - Responsibilities you fulfilled
  - Skills you utilized
- What did you learn about leadership through these experiences?

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT/SERVICE LEARNING EXPERIENCES**

Describe two times you were involved in volunteer service to others and/or the community through 4-H or other opportunities.

- List the type of involvement
- When did the experiences occur?
- What were duties, responsibilities, and skills you used to be successful?
- What did you learn in each of your experiences?

## **CAREER SPARK**

Describe how your 4-H experiences have sparked your interest in a future career field.

## **REPRESENTING NEBRASKA 4-H**

### **For delegate applicants only.**

In one additional page, respond to the items below. Please use headings

**(Representing Nebraska 4-H and As a Nebraska 4-H Youth Leader, When I Look at My State)** to separate your responses.

### **Representing Nebraska 4-H**

Share why you would like to represent Nebraska 4-H as a delegate at this national leadership opportunity.

These national trips will teach you how to grow your capacity as a leader in your community and for Nebraska 4-H.

- If you are selected to attend one of these opportunities, how will you share the skills and knowledge you gain with others in your county and throughout Nebraska?
- How will you promote this leadership experience to other 4-H members, volunteers, and decision makers?

Please think carefully about Nebraska and write two to three sentences for each topic below that you would share with county, state, and national decision makers if chosen for this leadership experience.



**As a Nebraska 4-H youth leader, when I look at my state:**

- I am proud of....
- I am concerned about...
- I want to start... in Nebraska.



# NEBRASKA 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

For scholarship applicants only.

## Scholarly Information & Eligibility

Indicate if you are:

<input type="checkbox"/>	A Current High School Senior OR College Freshman
<input type="checkbox"/>	A Current High School Junior **Only Eligible for Grand Island Horse Scholarship**
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

## 4-H Involvement

How many years have you participated in 4-H?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Less than 1
<input type="checkbox"/>	1-3
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 or more

Are you currently enrolled and active in the 4-H horse program?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

## Your School & Education Plan

What school/university do you plan to attend?

<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Nebraska–Kearney
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Nebraska–Lincoln
<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Nebraska–Omaha
<input type="checkbox"/>	Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please list:

(ONLY IF PLANNING TO ATTEND UNL) What college do you plan to attend at UNL?

<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Agricultural Science and Natural Resources (CASNR)
<input type="checkbox"/>	College of Education and Human Sciences (CEHS)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please list:

## Other Questions

Are you a first-generation college student?

<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes
<input type="checkbox"/>	No

## Supplemental Documents

Scan and attach the following documents and submit them along with your Achievement Application. All materials should be sent in a single email. Note: Only the application review committee will have access to transcripts and test scores

- Attach your current transcript
- Attach a copy of your ACT or SAT score results

<input type="checkbox"/>	ACT
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAT



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